

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method for operating an electronic parcel compartment system, whereby information of registered users of the electronic parcel compartment system is acquired via a user interface, the method comprising:

assigning a registered user to a user group on the basis of the acquired information;
enabling a registered user to have access to a selection of several functions of the electronic parcel compartment system via controls of the electronic parcel compartment system depending on the user group to which the registered user belongs;[[and]]
effectuating control of access possibilities; and
activating, after assignment of a registered user to at least one specific user group, a function that causes an essentially simultaneous opening of several parcel compartments.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An electronic parcel compartment system with a user interface, the user interface comprising a means for acquiring information from registered users of the electronic parcel compartment system via a user interface, the electronic parcel compartment system comprising:

means for assigning the registered user to user groups on the basis of the acquired information;
a system control that allows a registered user to have access to a selection of several functions of the electronic parcel compartment system, depending on the user group to which the registered user belongs; and
means to effectuate control of access possibilities; and
means for activating, after assignment of a registered user to at least one specific user group, a function that causes an essentially simultaneous opening of several parcel compartments.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein the means for assigning the users to user groups makes this assignment on the basis of information transmitted via a data line.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein the means for assigning users to user groups is connected to the user interface in such a way that the information acquired from the user interface is available to said means for the assignment of the users.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 15, wherein the means for assigning the users to user groups makes this assignment on the basis of information transmitted via a data line.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein the assignment to the user groups is performed by acquiring user identification information and by making a comparison of the user identification information to an entry in a database.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein different access authorizations to functions of the electronic parcel compartment system can be selected for different user groups.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein at least one of certain parcel compartments and groups of parcel compartments are accessible only to certain user groups.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 18, wherein the assignment of the parcel compartments to the user groups can be changed.